

TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, THE INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISIONS OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SEC. 2. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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CHAPTER 355

(House Bill 133)

AN ACT to propose amendments to Sections 1 and 2 of Article I of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Elective Franchise," to change the minimum age for voting at elections held in the State of Maryland, to change the age by which a person can be disqualified from voting for committing certain crimes, and to provide for the submission of these amendments to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring), That the following be and the same are hereby proposed as amendments to Sections 1 and 2 of Article I of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Elective Franchise," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

1.

All elections shall be by ballot; and every citizen of the United States, of the age of [twenty-one] *eighteen* years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for six months, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore City, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, as of the time for the closing of registration next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district, in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State. A person, who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county, or city, to which he has removed. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for purposes of voting for President and Vice-President of the United States or for electors for those offices, the General Assembly may prescribe by law a lesser residence requirement for citizens who have resided in this State for less than six months.

2.

No person above the age of [twenty-one] *eighteen* years, convicted of larceny, or other infamous crime, unless pardoned by the